

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-19 (Cancelled).

20. (Currently Amended) A method for promoting the healing of a an incisional dermal wound ~~or fibrotic disorder~~ with reduced macroscopic scarring in a subject in need thereof, said method comprising intradermally administering ~~to a subject in need thereof~~ up to about 5 ng of Activin per centimeter of said incisional dermal wound so that said healing with reduced macroscopic scarring is promoted.

21.-24. (Cancelled).

25. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 wherein Activin is administered in conjunction with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent or excipient.

26. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 wherein Activin is used in conjunction with a further agent that promotes the reduction of scarring.

27.-30. (Cancelled).

31. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 20 wherein the amount of Activin administered is sufficient to bind receptors bound by TGF- β_3 .

32.-35. (Cancelled).